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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in relation to docket numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0418, and 97P-0197. I would like the USDA to ban forced molting of layer hens. This practice is extremely cruel because it involves starving the hens for up to fourteen days in order to manipulate egg production. Hens are very stressed during forced molting and the result is a destroyed immune system. This leaves the hens and their eggs vulnerable to salmonella poison.

In order to prevent such cruelty and protect the public from contracting a possibly fatal illness, I urge you to ban the practice of forced molting.

Sincerely,



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